

MESSAGE NOTES

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Unsung Heroes: Barnabas
Acts 4, 9, 11, 15
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■ In God's eyes, Barnabas is a _____ who encourages _____.

Joseph [was] a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas
(which means "Son of encouragement"). Acts 4:36

4 SNAPSHOTS FROM BARNABAS' LIFE

❶ **Acts 4:36-37.** _____ a field to help those in _____. Matt 6:1-4, 19-21

Who can I _____ some of my _____ with? Hebrews 13:16

❷ **Acts 9:26-28.** Brings _____ to apostles & vouches _____ him.

Who is having a hard time _____ in that I can _____?

❸ **Acts 11:22-26.** Sees _____ working in Antioch & disciples _____.

Who is _____ in the _____ that I can cheer on & challenge?

❹ **Acts 15:36-40.** Stands by _____ tho' Paul disagrees.

Who has _____ & needs _____? Col 4:10, 2 Tim 4:11

MORE ON ENCOURAGEMENT

■ Encouragers elevate & celebrate ministry of _____. Acts 13:2, 13, 42

■ Encouragers lead us to fully _____ & _____ Jesus. Acts 11:23; 14:22

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today,"
so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:13

BEING A BARNABAS

■ LORD, _____ & _____ can I encourage _____ You _____?

God's Plan Of Encouragement

Our God is an encouraging God
Joshua 1:9; Romans 15:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

We have an enemy, the devil, who seeks to discourage us
John 10:10; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12-18; 1 John 5:19

Jesus, God's Son, became human to save & encourage us
Luke 22:31-32; John 1:14-18; 21:15-19; Philipians 2:1; Hebrews 2:18; 4:15-16; 12:3

The Holy Spirit encourages & gives gift of encouragement
John 14-16 (Jesus calls HS the helper=encourager); 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:6-8

God gave us the Bible to encourage us
Psalm 56:3-4; 119:28; Romans 15:4; 1 Thessalonians 4:18

Jesus wants His Church to be encouraged and built up
Matthew 16:18; Acts 9:31; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25

God often encourages people through other people
1 Samuel 23:16; 2 Corinthians 7:6; Colossians 4:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 3:2

PRACTICAL WAYS TO ENCOURAGE THIS WEEK

Send a card, text, note or email

Share a helpful verse of Scripture

Give a hand-made or home-made gift

Call or visit someone who might be lonely

Deliver a surprise package or an anonymous gift

Send flowers or bring a meal

Repair something for someone

Run an errand, provide transportation or childcare

Share a story of how God has been faithful

Meet for coffee, a meal or dessert

Pray for someone in person or on the phone

Just be there to listen, ask questions of genuine interest

Notice & invite someone to join you who looks left out

Live a humble, authentic, uplifting life with Jesus